



EAST HANTS DISTRICT RCMP - Enfield and Rawdon Detachments

**QUARTERLY POLICING REPORT
FOR
THE MUNICIPALITY OF EAST HANTS
April 1 – July 31, 2018**

This is the first quarterly report for fiscal year 2018/2019, for the period April 1 – July 31, 2018. RCMP East Hants' focus this past fiscal was on our provincial goals of road safety; overall crime reduction, and cybercrime. Our Provincial direction this year has not changed.

For 2018/2019, our provincial priorities are:

- Crime Prevention and Reduction which will contribute to the overall safety and security of all Nova Scotians.
- Road Safety which will contribute to safe roads and highways in Nova Scotia.
- Mitigating cybercrime in NS.
- Connecting with Aboriginal communities by enhancing relationships.

The above-noted provincial goals will be accomplished through a variety of measures. As your police force, we would like to ensure that the provincial priorities are in line with local concerns. It is important to RCMP East Hants that we address any concerns and/or complaints impacting our citizens, and that we remain engaged and involved in our community.

For the Municipality of East Hants we will be targeting: Crime Prevention and Reduction through our contribution to the safety and security of all residents; Road Safety through increased traffic contacts and checkpoints; and Cyber Crime increasing our (Police Member's) knowledge/education in the area of technology investigations.

❖ **Crime Prevention and Reduction** - We continue to spend considerable time focusing our efforts on crime reduction initiatives to reduce 'Crimes Against Persons' and 'Property Crime'. Examples of 'Crimes Against Persons' include: assault, robbery, threats, harassment, etc. Examples of 'Property Crime' include: Break and Enter, thefts, damage to property, etc.

- In 2018, East Hants had 399 Reported Crimes Against Persons and 708 reported Crimes Against Property. Although stats are captured at a particular moment in time and change frequently, we can say that we have had a minor overall reduction on both fronts when compared to 2017. We will be striving to make another reduction for this fiscal year.
- Our compliance checks of persons on Conditional Sentence Offender (CSO) program is moving along, and nightly we have members doing door knocks at the designated residence of the person on CSOs. These checks are at random times and prove to be successful in keeping a tight leash on those offenders.
- Our School Liaison and Community Policing Officers are making a new team effort in East Hants. The former members holding these positions have moved on and Cst Krista Myers together with Cst Terry Fogarty will be sharing the roles. Previously when one of the members were away from their post, the position

was void. This year with the two members sharing the roles they will offset each other, thus leaving no voids in the programs.

- ❖ **Road Safety** – During the last quarter, our Road Safety priorities focused aggressive driving/speeding, motorcycle safety and distracted driving. For this quarter and to start off the New Year in 2018, our focus will be on impaired driving, back to school, and Highway Safety. Of a key note, September 12 is the one year mark of Cst Frank Deschenes' death. The 12th will be a focus day on the "Move Over Law". Regular Members throughout the province will be handing out information / pamphlets on the Move Over Law and also remembering Frank. As well we have Check Points arranged with our Provincial TIR Vehicle Compliance inspectors to ensure that we have safe vehicle travelling around our streets and highways.

- ❖ **Cyber Crime** - Part of our efforts this year is to become more in tune with cybercrime investigations and the collection of technological evidence. School and public presentation will be the mainstay of our strategy to educate our public and thereby protect them from cybercrime.

COMMUNITY POLICING:

- East Hants RCMP participated in many community events over the last quarter. Recent patrols for events include jamborees, Chase the Ace, jam sessions/dances, tournaments, etc. Many of these community events are ongoing on a regular basis from month to month.
- During the summer months there are many local community "Come Home" events that are held throughout the East Hants District.
- The East Hants Crime Prevention Association meets approximately every three months. The Association will re-launch the "Think of Me" campaign which was a great success last year. Campaign cards will be passed out to our schools for students to complete artwork on the cards. Once the cards are completed, they will be passed out by members at checkpoints throughout East Hants. These cards have a very positive effect on driver behavior. Preparations for Police Week in May will also begin soon with active participation and representation from East Hants District RCMP.

"Crime Stoppers promotes the reduction of crime through community based effort to provide appropriate authorities with the information needed to lay charges against those responsible. Crime Stoppers endeavors to encourage the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming two key elements that inhibit community involvement: Fear and Apathy. Crime Stoppers goal is to make our communities a safer place to live and conduct business. A person can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (T.I.P.S.)

or via the web (Submit Secure Web Tip) and relays their information anonymously. During the call, the tipster is given a confidential number which is what they will use whenever they call to update the police coordinator's office. The onus is on the tipster to re-contact Crime Stoppers. If the case is solved by the tipster's tip, and an arrest is made and charges are laid, the tipster qualifies for a cash reward. The amount of the award is determined by Crime Stoppers volunteers". For further information regarding the program please visit: <http://crimestoppers.ns.ca/online-tips/>

2nd QUARTER - SIGNIFICANT POLICE OCCURRENCES:

- On April 16, 2018, East Hants District RCMP responded to one of many calls for service from a resident in Lantz, who suffers from mental health issues and frequently calls 911 for matters that are not an emergency. On this occasion, the caller had accused her neighbour of rummaging through her garbage, and said the garbage men had thrown items on her lawn. Police responded and found her garbage neatly stacked at the end of her driveway. Members are very familiar with this woman, since she has called 911 for non-emergency matters in excess of 25 times. During the conversation it was determined that she had not taken her prescribed medication. When police spoke with the neighbour regarding the allegation, the neighbour expressed concern for her. Police have made numerous attempts to advocate on this woman's behalf, unfortunately she has fallen between the proverbial "cracks" in terms of support and remains living on her own with little support.
- On May 2, 2018, a woman was walking her dogs in Burntcoat Head Park. One dog got away from her and became stranded due to the rising tide. The woman called for assistance and ended up stranded as well. Police and three fire departments responded and utilized a rescue boat as well as a helicopter. The woman and her three dogs were subsequently rescued by boat.
- On May 10, 2018, East Hants RCMP members responded to a fatal motor vehicle collision, where a logging truck collided with a pick-up truck in the community of North Noel Rd. The driver of the pick-up truck was the sole occupant and died at the scene. The driver of the logging truck was not injured. An RCMP Traffic Analyst responded as part of the investigation, as did members of the Noel Fire Department. East Hants RCMP members diverted traffic during the investigation to a secondary road around the scene.
- On May 22, 2018, East Hants RCMP members responded to a call from Family & Children's Services advising a man had left his two children, ages 2 and 4 years old, unattended in his vehicle for approximately 25 minutes while he was in the Guardian Drugstore. The children were said to have been crying the entire time. During the investigation the male said that he was surprised that police would investigate the matter, as he thought that leaving his children unattended in the car was "OK", and that he "had done it before". The incident was referred back to Family & Children's Services, as is the protocol for any investigations concerning the well-being of children.

- On May 30, 2018, East Hants RCMP were made aware of an incident in New Brunswick where a man had stolen a vehicle and fled from police at a high rate of speed during a checkpoint. The suspect left the Moncton area and crashed his vehicle in the Aulac area. He then stole another vehicle and drove into Nova Scotia. He continued to drive at a high rate of speed. He lost control of the car in the Rawdon area navigating a sharp turn. The driver was arrested at the scene by East Hants RCMP members and transported to hospital. The incident is still under investigation.
- On June 6, 2018, East Hants RCMP members responded an abandoned 911 call where a female was crying in the background. Patrols were made by a number of units and when police arrived at the scene the woman pulled up what appeared to be a long gun. Police contained the scene and the supervisor took control of the scene. The supervisor worked with the OCC operators in an attempt to deescalate the situation. The female continued to point the gun at the members and was not complying with the commands of the police. The supervisor contacted the Risk Manager, who was able to speak with the home owner. It was then determined that there were firearms and ammunition in the residence, as well as a pellet gun. The female then came outside with a pellet gun pointed to her head while she pulled the trigger. Police were able to physically engage the woman and take her safely into custody. She was treated by EHS and transported to hospital for further medical treatment. Police seized the firearms in the home for safekeeping.
- On June 7, 2018, East Hants RCMP received information from Colchester County RCMP that while running radar they had observed a vehicle travelling at a speed of approximately 170km per hour. The vehicle travelled into East Hants area and was subsequently stopped by an East Hants RCMP member. The driver was issued a Summary Offence Ticket (SOT) for stunting and had her vehicle towed for seven days. During the traffic stop, it was determined that the woman's licence had expired.
- On June 24, 2018, East Hants RCMP responded to a motor vehicle collision involving a freight train and a van in the Elmsdale area. The driver of the van had attempted to drive across the track, and had not noticed the train until it was too late. The train conductor had sounded the horn and attempted to stop by applying the braking system, however the train collided with the rear section of the van, pushing it into a ditch causing extensive damage. The driver and his son were able to get out of the vehicle without injury, and the train conductor was not injured.
- On June 26, 2018, East Hants RCMP received anonymous information that there was a large school prom party with approximately 500 people in attendance from Halifax West High School at a campground in Shubenacadie. The attendees were said to be using drugs and alcohol. East Hants RCMP spoke with the campground owner and conducted a check-stop to ensure no one was driving while impaired.
- On June 29, 2018, East Hants RCMP responded to a call from Family & Children's Services (FCS) who reported that an 18 month old baby had been taken to the IWK Hospital and after being examined by a doctor, was found to have numerous injuries which the doctor deemed to be concerning and suspicious. FCS have removed the child from the parental home and police are working with them as the investigation continues.

DETACHMENT ZONE OVERVIEW – REPORTED OCCURRENCES BY ZONE:

| Zone | Area | January 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018 | April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018 |
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| 3 | Everything within Elmsdale | 148 | 192 |
| 4 | Lantz | 110 | 92 |
| 5 | Enfield | 151 | 174 |
| 6 | Milford | 92 | 127 |
| 7 | Shubenacadie | 97 | 92 |
| 12 | Lower Nine Mile River, Horne Settlement, Belnan, Hardwoodlands, Renfrew | 98 | 110 |
| 13 | Admiral Rock, Rawdon, Urbania, Barr Settlement, Rines Creek, West Indian Road, North Salem, Cheese Factory Corner, East Gore, Georgefield | 78 | 70 |
| 14 | Maitland, 236 South Maitland, Noel Shore, Kennetcook, Upper Kennetcook, Highway 215 & 354, Selma, Latties Brook, Northfield, Lake Road, White Settlement, Millers Corner, Maple Grove. | 61 | 67 |
| 2R | East Walton, Walton, Tennecape, Moose Brook, Minasville, Burntcoat, Pinnacle Hill. | 10 | 32 |
| 3R | Stanley, Clarksville, Riverside Corner, Gore, West Gore, Rawdon Gold Mines, Centre Rawdon, Greenfield, South Rawdon | 51 | 76 |
| 6R | Hillsvale, East Uniacke, Lakelands, South Uniacke, Mount Uniacke. | 113 | 152 |
| 10R | 101 Highway section – (Exit 3DM 289 – 278) | 30 | 23 |
| No zone | Other – Assistance calls to other police agencies | 38 | 37 |
| | TOTAL CALLS | 1077 | 1244 |
| All | Non police calls for service - Enfield and Rawdon Detachments – Criminal Record Checks, Vulnerable Sector Checks, Civil Fingerprints for employment, pardons, VISA for entry to US, etc. | 340 | 373 |